Express Mail No. EV335855927US

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: O'Brien

Serial No.

10/053,621

Filed:

January 24, 2002

For:

WRITING INSTRUMENT

Confirmation No.

5284

Art Unit:

Examiner:

Huyen D. Le 7/8/03 8-1047-999 Shewell

Attorney Docket: 618-1047-999

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 09, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this Amendment and the enclosed remarks.

RECEIVED

JUL 0 7 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

07/08/2003 LWASHING 00000004 161150 10053621

01 FC:1202

18.00 DA